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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF COMPENSATION PROPOSALS

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, ON APRIL 29 WE RAISED BANK/FUND COMPENSATION PROPOSALS WITH BROSSOLETTE, TREASURY DIRECTOR IN FRENCH FINANCE MINISTRY. WE URGED SUPPORT US VIEW THAT INCREASE OF PROPOSED MAGNITUDE IS EXCESSIVE, AND THAT CONSIDERABLY SMALLER OVER-ALL SALARY INCREASE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. BROSSOLETTE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT YET HAVE REPORT ON THIS MATTER FROM FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON. HE PROMISED EXAMINE OUR ARGUMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WHO HANDLE BANK/FUND MATTERS, AND SEE TO WHAT DEGREE FRANCE COULD LINE UP WITH US.

2. ON MAY 2, WE CHECKED AGAIN WITH BROSSOLETTE, WHO REPLIED HE HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON QUESTION. DURING CURRENT WEEK HE HAS BEEN TIED UP IN C-20

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DEPUTIES' MEETING HERE IN PARIS. HOWEVER, THIS MORN-

ING (MAY 10) WE DID HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR SECOND FOLLOW-UP. BROSSOLETTE SAID HE STILL HAD NOT COME TO FIRM DECISION. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE FRENCH GOVT HAD POLICY OF MAINTAINING PURCHASING POWER OF FRENCH CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES, HE FELT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IN BANK/FUND TO OPPOSE COMPARABLE TREATMENT FOR BANK/FUND STAFF. HE DID INDICATE SOME CONCERN ABOUT PENSION PROPOSAL, WHICH HE REGARDED AS UNCLEAR, COMPLICATED AND PERHAPS EXCESSIVE. WE REITERATED POINT THAT EVEN WITHOUT PROPOSED INCREASE, BANK/FUND SALARY LEVELS ALREADY AT SUBSTANTIAL PREMIUM OVER CIVIL SERVICE LEVELS IN MAJOR MEMBER COUNTRIES, MOST OF ALL AT SENIOR STAFF LEVEL. WE URGED FRENCH WEIGH THIS POINT MOST CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING UP THEIR MINDS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE CANDLE STILL SPUTTERING, WE BELIEVE IT IS ABOUT TO GO OUT, AND THAT WE PROBABLY CANNOT COUNT ON FRENCH SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION.

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